The following account was handed in to the council during the evening:

The municipality of the city of London, Ont., to the municipality of the county of Middlesex, Dr.

1873.		
Feb. 1.	To amount of account rendered, Jan. 6, '73	$2,087.27
"	Interest at 6 per cent, from 6th to 31st Jan., 1873, on $2,075, the amount due 1st Dec., 1872, by the city of London to County of Middlesex	8.51
" "	One-fifth of $10,000 G. W. R. stock, payable by said city to said county, the Co. of Middlesex debentures issued, for which became due on 1st Feb., 1873	2,000.00
" "	interest at six per annum, from 1st Jan., 1855 to 1st February, 1873, on said $2,000	2170.00
		$6,265.75

Treasurer's office, Co. Middlesex, London, Feb. 1st, 1873.

A. S. Abbott, Esq., Clerk, London.

Sir, — Please submit the foregoing claim of the corporation of this county against the city of London to the city council at their meeting next after date hereof, for settlement. Extension of time for payment of the amount may be given for a few months, provided the city council agree to pay interest on the amount thereof, due at the 1st December, 1872, and 1st February, 1873, respectively.

Please favor me with a certified copy of any resolution adopted to the effect by said council.

Yours truly,

Adam Murray, Treasurer.

Treasurer's office, Co. Middlesex, London, Feb. 4th, 1873.

Referred to the finance committee.

From Mr. J. H. Flock, in reference to a nuisance on Horton street, caused by the gas works. Referred to the inspector.

From Mr. H. Baxter, asking for the use of the City Hall on Friday evening next, for the purpose of holding an entertainment for the benefit of the London Mechanics' Institute. Granted on payment of current expenses.

From the Rev. W. S. Hughan, asking for remission of taxes on the Primitive Methodist parsonage, as provided by law. Referred to finance and assessment committee.

From Mr. W. K. Muir, as follows:

Great Western Railway,
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 6, 1873.

My Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 4th instant, and have instructed the track superintendent to have the snow removed from the road crossings, and also again notified our people in the London yard to be sure and keep the street crossings clear of cars, as much as possible.

I am really very sorry about the trouble which has arisen on this account, but I presume you and the citizens of London are aware of the steps we are taking to thoroughly remedy this, by completing improvements in our eight yard east of the city, which will be done as soon as the weather permits, and by running as many of the freight trains as possible via the Air Line, after the 17th of the current month. Yours faithfully,

W. K. Muir.

A. S. Abbott, Esq., City Clerk, London. Fyled.

The by-law appointing the court of revision was read three times, and passed.

Ald Cronyn submitted the following report of the finance committee, and stated that on account of his absence from the city, he had been compelled to make it brief:

1st. Your committee, having, through Inspector Hughes, investigated into the position and circumstances of the four following petitioners, asking remission of taxes, recommend that no action be taken on petitions of Mrs. Donogan and Mrs. Jones; that one-half of Mrs. Hillier's taxes, which amount to $22 50, be allowed off, and that Mrs. Philips be released from the whole amount of her taxes, $15 45.

2nd. Your committee also recommend that the requests contained in communications of Mr. D. Skirving and Mr. H. Imlach, asking reduction in their taxes, be not entertained.

3rd. The petitions of Mr. Anthony Keenleyside and Mr. Charles Rubighiny, asking that the income tax assessed against them be not collected. The committee, after thorough investigation, and from the information handed them by the committee of last year, recommend, under the peculiar circumstances of these cases, that your committee be empowered to instruct the collectors not to collect these taxes.

4th. The deputation appointed to attend the meeting of delegates at Toronto in regard to indebtedness to the municipal loan fund, have merely to report that the meeting adjourned, there being a strong feeling that no action should be taken until after the government policy is declared. The power of calling the delegates together again, was, by resolution, left in the hands of our mayor, the chairman of the meeting.

5th. The deputation when in Toronto investigated the system adopted by that corporation in the assessment of property, and their thanks are due to Mr. Harman, assessment commissioner, who kindly furnished the fullest information. Since the return of the deputation the finance committee have had this matter under consideration, and your committee recommend, in order to obtain a more satisfactory and equitable system of assessment that your committee be empowered to recommend to the council forthwith for appointment two additional assessors, to be associated with our present assessors, and also to recommend to the council for appointment two revisors of assessment, from time to time, to revise the rolls, as the assessment proceeds, notices of assessment to be served after such revision. Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that if allowed to employ this assistance, and to adopt the proposed system, the details of which can only be gone into in committee, that the results will prove most satisfactory.

All of which is submitted.

On motion of Ald. Partridge, jr., seconded by Ald. Graydon, the report was considered *seriatim*.

Ald. Christie moved, in amendment to the report, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the whole of Mrs. Hillier's taxes be remitted, as the case was a deserving one, and well worthy the consideration of the council.

The motion of Ald. Christie was lost, and the clause passed.

The 2nd clause passed, Ald. Cronyn giving explanations in reply to Ald. McPhail.

Ald. Moffat moved in amendment, that the clause of the report only so far as it applied to the case of Mr. Keenleyside be adopted. Lost, and the clause passed.

The 4th clause was then read and passed.

Ald. Cronyn moved, seconded by Ald. Egan, that the 5th clause, in reference to the appointment of assessors, pass.

Ald. Graydon moved, seconded by Ald. McBride, that the words "two assessors" be struck out of the clause. Lost.

Ald. Cronyn, in order to meet the views of Ald. Christie, amended the report, and his (Ald. Christie's) motion was not pressed

The clause was then put and carried, and the report adopted on the following vote:

Yeas—Moffat, Smyth, Leonard, Brown, Shaw, Christie, Williams, Cronyn, Egan and His Worship the Mayor.—10.

Nays—Cousins, Rapley, McBride, McPhail, McDonald, Graydon, Partridge, jr., Partridge, sr.—8.

Ald. McBride submitted the following report of the fire, water and gas committee:

Committee Rooms, Feb 6th, 1873.

Your committee respectfully submit as follows, namely:

That they received and considered the four applications for chimney sweep, and do recommend that Wm. Moorehead be appointed for that part of the city lying south of Dundas street, and that John Boyce be appointed for all the part lying north of Dundas street.

Your committee duly examined and recommend for payment the following accounts, namely:

City Gas Co., for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1872	$1427 38
Messrs. Stevens & Turner, gas-fitters	91 11

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel McBride,
Chairman F., W. & G.

Report adopted.

Ald. McDonald brought up his resolution, of which notice was given at last meeting, namely, that a full statemen of the number of debentures sold in the year 1872, the amounts realised, and the commission, if any, allowed to the parties through whose agency they were disposed of, when they become due, and the manner in which they are payable, be prepared and submitted to the council. It was carried, and the following statement read by the clerk: